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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GDR TRANSMITS REQUESTED PROPERTY DATA

REF: BERLIN 525

1. AS AGREED DURING RECENT VISIT US ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM TO EAST BERLIN (REFTEL), LOEFFLER, DIRECTOR GDR DIPLOMATIC SERVICES OFFICE (DIENSTLEISTUNGSAMT) PASSED TO MISSION OFFICERS, APRIL 18, FLOOR PLANS AND ESTIMATES OF RENTAL FIGURES ON HAUS DES HANDWERKS CHANCERY SITE AND ON PFEISTRASSE, HEINRICH-MANN-PLATZ, AND WALDSTRASSE RESIDENCES. LOEFFLER SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY ALL FLOOR PLANS FOR PROPOSED AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

ON NORDENSTRASSE, NIEDERSCHOENHAUSE, WERE LOST DURING WW II AND DUPLICATES COULD BE DRAWN AND FORWARDED ONLY AFTER PRESENT OCCUPANTS REMOVED, SOMETIME AROUND LATE MAY. LOEFFLER EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT GDR COULD MAKE ANY NECESSARY RENOVATIONS IN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN RELATIVELY SHORT ORDER AND ASKED THAT WASHINGTON CONCENTRATE FIRST ON HAUS DES HANDWERKS RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH WOULD BE MOST COMPLEX, AND TIME CONSUMING. LOEFFLER ALSO STRESSED THAT RENTAL

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ESTIMATES REPRESENTED UPPER LIMITS AND WERE SUBJECT TO

NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON NET USABLE SPACE AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.
FLOOR PLANS AND RENTAL ESTIMATES SENT DEPARTMENT, C/O
LEDSKY EUR/CE, VIA REGISTERED MAIL.

2. IN ADDITION, LOEFFLER ASKED MISSION OFFICERS TO INFORM
WASHINGTON THAT GDR HAD DECIDED TO ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE
FIRENZE ESTATE ON ALBERMARLE STREET AS GDR CHANCERY SITE.
LOEFFLER SAID HE FULLY REALIZED THAT REAL ESTATE PURCHASES
IN U S WERE STRICTLY PRIVATE OPERATIONS BUT HOPED
DEPARTMENT WOULD DO WHAT IT LEGALLY COULD TO SUPPORT GDR
EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. LOEFFLER SAID HE EXPECTED
A GDR DELEGATION WOULD VISIT WASHINGTON IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, JUST
AS SOON AS FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS ASSURED IT HAD NECESSARY FUNDS TO
COMPLETE PURCHASE.KLEIN

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